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Sundown Towns

A HIDDEN DIMENSION OF AMERICAN RACISM

"Don't let the sun set on you in this town." This was a common phrase in many sundown towns across America prior to the Fair Housing Laws. Sundown Towns are communities with less than 1,000 people that used restrictive housing covenants to deliberately exclude minorities from housing opportunities. How far have we come?

The Illinois Department of Human Rights invites you to attend this exciting event in commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the 1968 passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act. Dr. James Loewen, author of SUNDOWN TOWNS: A HIDDEN DIMENSION OF AMERICAN RACISM, shares with us the untold history of the racial isolation that enforced prejudices, racial entitlement and resulted in measurable social and economic costs.

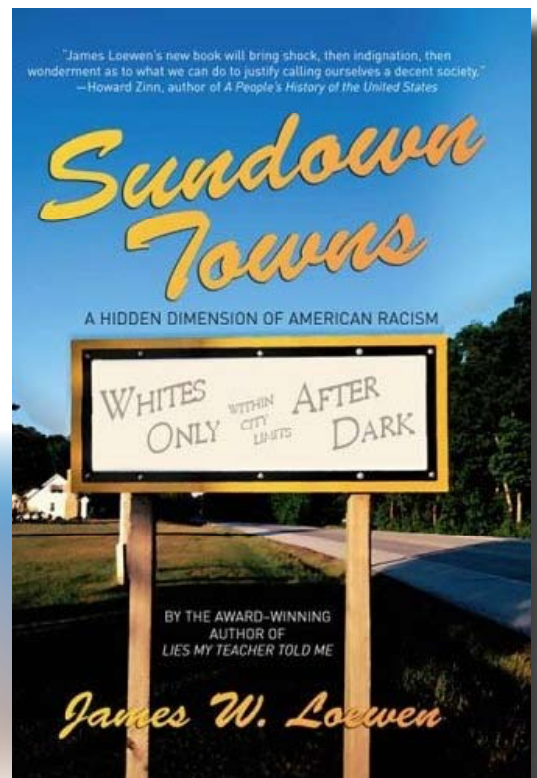
Program Free to the Public
Friday, May 9, 2008
9:30 am - 11:30 am

Michael Bilandic Building
160 N. LaSalle, 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

For more information or to RSVP,
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Book Signing After Program



Dr. James W. Loewen is the bestselling author of LIES MY TEACHER TOLD ME: EVERYTHING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY TEXTBOOK GOT WRONG and LIES ACROSS AMERICA: WHAT OUR HISTORIC MARKERS AND MONUMENTS GET WRONG. He is also the winner of the American Book Award and the Oliver Cromwell Cox Award for Distinguished Anti-Racist Scholarship.